BAR HILL NEWS

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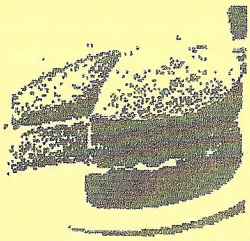
Fête 2010

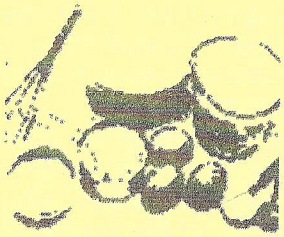
We will be holding a cake competition again this year. The recipe is for a **Victoria Sponge** and is below. If you would like to enter, please complete the entry form and return to the Parish Council Offices in an envelope marked 'Cake Competition Fete 2010' before **Wednesday 30th June. First prize is a £5 gift voucher.**

Cakes should be brought to the Village Hall between 12.30 and 12.45 pm. Doors will then be closed and judging will take place at 1 pm. Cakes can be collected at 4 pm. No responsibility can be taken for cakes entered.

Victoria Sponge



4oz Margarine
4oz Caster sugar
4oz Self-raising Flour
2 Eggs



1. Cream margarine and sugar together until light and creamy in texture.
2. Add the eggs a little at a time and beat well. Gently fold-in the flour
3. Place the mixture into a greased 7 inch cake tin or two 7 inch sandwich tins.
4. Bake in a moderate oven 160 – 180° C, 325 – 350° F, gas mark 3 – 4.For 25 – 30 mins in two tins 40 – 45 mins in one tin.
5. When cool, split and fill with jam or cream.

Although children are welcome to enter the Cake Competition we are also running a **Flag Designing competition**. As most of you are aware it is the Football World Cup and we thought it would be nice to encourage the children to design their own flag. It must be **on a piece of paper no bigger than A4,** and can be decorated in anyway. Please complete the entry form and return, with your entry, to the Parish Council Offices no later than **Wednesday 30th June. First prize is a £5 gift voucher in each age group.**

If you have run a business and are interested in booking a stall at this year's Fête, please email 'barhillfete@hotmail.com ' to get a Booking Form and full details. There are a limited number of stalls and we need to have all **Booking Forms returned with payment by Monday 9th May.**

ENTRY FORMS ON PAGE 21

Copy date for the next issue is 15th April to Margaret Sellars at bhneditor@yahoo.com, or see page 2 for other contact details.

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EDITORIAL

There is no charge for **Articles, What's On, For Sale and Lost and Found,** and these appear at the Editor's discretion. Please submit items by 15th of the month.

All telephone numbers without an area code are Crafts Hill (01954).

All items can be submitted **electronically on disc or to bhneditor@yahoo.com, or hard copy via Parish Council Office.**

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Wednesday and Friday 2 – 5 pm

Psychological Therapies Team Thursday 9 am – 12 noon

Dietician 1st Tuesday of month 9.30 am – 12.30 pm

Orthoptist 2nd Tuesday of month 9 am - 12.30 pm

CAMTAD 4th Tuesday of month 9 – 11.30 am

Child Health Clinic 1st and 3rd Friday of month, 2 pm onwards

Health Visitors are now based at Longstanton Branch Surgery, Magdalene Close, Longstanton (tel 781855)

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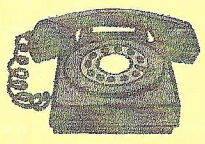

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Answerphone

Email: barhill.villagehall@btconnect.com

Dear Editor

Just a brief letter to say how very sorry my husband and I were to learn that Dr Ranasinghe has/will be leaving the Health Centre in Bar Hill.

We have always found her to be an understanding and caring doctor over the many years that we have known her personally and she will be very sorely missed by us both, together with our many friends/neighbours who were also under her care. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her kindness over the years and to wish her the very best of good luck in the future.

The Thompsons

Time to go on an energy saving diet…

In the last two editions of the Bar Hill News these 'Tread Lightly' features have given advice on easy-to-take steps to help the environment (with the added benefit of saving you money).

You may be asking yourself – why should I bother? Like a dieter reaching for one more chocolate bar the excuses flow too easily. Why should I bother when China and India's emissions are so high? Why should I bother if my neighbour doesn't? Why should I bother when I have so much else to do?

Consider this:

According to World Wildlife Fund research nearly two thirds of the CO_2 in the atmosphere has been emitted by the G8 countries. In the UK we are consuming three times our fair share of the planet's natural resources. So apparently the answer to the question *'who ate all the pies'* is *'we did'*!

It is time to go on an energy-saving diet (hopefully some of the below you have already started):

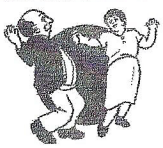
- Replace your light bulbs with energy efficient ones; they last longer and cut your electricity bill
- Turn down your thermostat by just ONE degree and slash 10% off the energy used in heating your home
- Opt for a shower (not a power shower) rather than a bath
- Turn off your electrical appliances (DVDs, mobile phone chargers, TVs, computers, stereos) at the wall. Every year the country spends £730m on appliances being left on standby
- Get a free Home Energy Check from The Energy Saving Trust
- Run your fridge at between 3-5°C
- Turn down the hot water to 60°C
- Draw curtains at dusk and maintain the heat in your rooms
- Set your washing machine to 30-40°C and try to dry clothes naturally

Putting you in control of your social care

Cambridgeshire County Council and its NHS partners are introducing a new approach to social care that gives individuals control of their own support.

Self-Directed Support involves identifying and allocating a Personal Budget – an upfront allocation of funding for eligible individuals to plan how to meet their social care needs and achieve their personal goals. By March 2011 all new and existing users of social care services eligible for support will have been moved over to the new system.

More information about Self-Directed Support is available on the County Council website www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/social or by calling Cambridgeshire Direct on 0345 045 5202.



HAPPY HOURS

It's been a quiet two months into the New Year with many members not venturing out in the bad weather. March seems to be bringing in some longed-for spring weather and this week the sunshine brought out a good number of members and welcomed new ones – Tom and Brenda Whitford and Margaret de Boer. We also welcomed back some of our long term sick members.

In February we had a speaker from SAAFA, an organisation older than the British Legion, who explained about the help they give to many thousands of ex-servicement/women, widows and families.

Some members went to Bournemouth for a Valentine's long weekend which also incorporated a day in historic Salisbury and a Murder Mystery evening. It was cold but thankfully dry and enjoyed by all.

On 1st March speakers Christopher and Janet South came again with their hugely entertaining anecdotes on their worldwide travels.

Welcome to Spring, and a Happy Easter to everyone.

Helen Collins
782203

Bar Hill Church
Summer Holiday Club

For children in reception to year 6

Monday, 26th July to Friday, 30th July

See coming months for more information on how to book

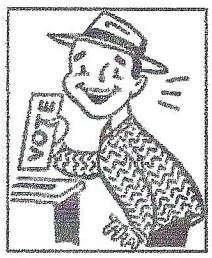
Christian Aid Week: 9–15 May 2010

Christian Aid Week involves a large group of people from Bar Hill Church, who deliver envelopes and call at homes to collect them. If you are not part of our congregation but are concerned to help those in need throughout the world, please consider volunteering to be a collector this year.

You would be assigned up to 50 or so houses (the more who volunteer, the fewer there are for each to visit). Last year £3,030 was collected here, and Gift Aid added £391.61 to the total. That was an increase on the year before, and our aim is to raise more still this year.

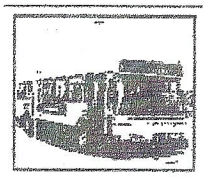
If you would like to know more and are over the age of 16, please let the Church Centre Manager have your contact details (tel./fax 206120) or email rgp@barhillchurch.com

POLLING STATION FOR BAR HILL



Bar Hill residents are due to go the polls on **6 May** to elect one district councillor, with a general election also due to be held by 3 June. The hours of both polls will be 7 am until 10 pm.

As with the European Parliament and County Council elections last year, Bar Hill residents should go to the **Village Hall** to cast their vote, and **not** to the Church Centre.



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Daytime journeys now provided by the revised Stagecoach Citi 5 service (see below)

Link to Cambridge 6th Form Colleges now provided by the new Stagecoach 91 and 95 services

Stagecoach 15 now provides revised evening journeys only Cambridge > Bar Hill > Swavesey > Fenstanton

Citi 5 City Centre > Girton Corner > Bar Hill circular

Change to timetable and route to extend to Longstanton, Willingham, Over, Swavesey, Fen Drayton, Fenstanton and St Ives **once an hour.**

Monday to Saturday evening journeys **to include Bar Hill,** Oakington, Girton and Cambridge

Change to route and timetable on **Sunday**

City Centre > Girton Corner > Bar Hill > Swavesey > Fenstanton > St Ives

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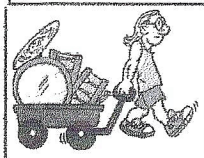

Fête 2010

Once again we will be enjoying live bands in the evening of Fête Day. Anybody who would like to perform, or has any suggestions for a band that they would like to see on Fête Day should send their recommendations to 'barhillbands@hotmail.com'

Bar Hill Community Market

Saturday 10th April
Saturday 1st May
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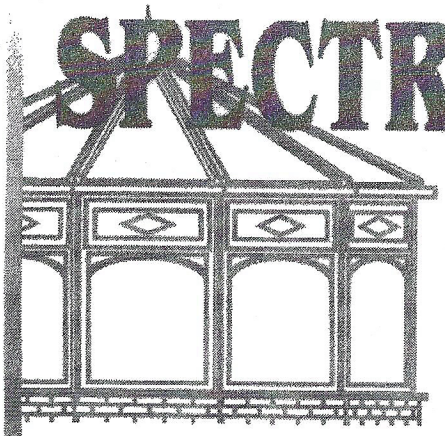

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FRIENDS OF BAR HILL LIBRARY

The first of our talks for 2010

Come along to the Library on **8 April at 7 pm** to find out about what lies beneath the latest shopping development in Cambridge.
Our speaker is Alison Dickens, MA, MIFA, of the Cambridge Archaeological Unit and her subject is **Grand Arcade: Archaeology on the Grand Scale.** She will be telling– and showing – us what has been found out about life in central Cambridge over the centuries, based on finds from beneath the escalators and the shining floors. Highly recommended by those who have already heard her. **Tickets £3; Friends £1.50.**

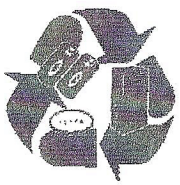
Children's library

Have you noticed that younger readers in the village now have their own improved area? This is the Friends' latest initiative to enhance Library services. In mid-February we handed over the new Kinder boxes we have bought for the display and storage of children's books to Carole Saunders, our supervisor, and Anne Worthington, the children's librarian for the county. The new equipment has made it possible to rearrange the area to make it more suitable for the wide range of children's services offered. There are photographs of the event on our noticeboard in the Library. In recent years we have also provided the funds for the display table.

Coffee mornings

For those who would like to meet and make friends in the Library, there will be a coffee morning from 10 am on **Thursday 1 April.** If you miss that, make a note of **Thursday 6 May** for the next one.

Battery recycling facility

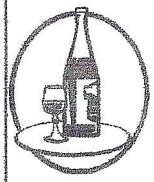


This is in Tesco's – a collection bin is at the customer service desk.

BIN COLLECTION DATES

8 April (**Thursday**)	Black bin
14 April	Green bin and boxes
21 April	Black bin
28 April	Green bin and boxes
5 May	Black bin

Sports and Social Club



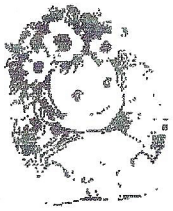
The Sports and Social Club is situated on the top floor of the Village Hall. You can watch live sports on our two large TV screens in high definition, play pool, darts, skittles and cribbage or enjoy a quiet drink in our conservatory bar.

What's on in April?

Thursday, 1st of April - Cheese and Wine tasting, where you can buy what you try, from 7 pm.
Saturday 3rd April - Membership Draw Night, and **Disco Dave is back again with an Easter Disco**

Children's disco from 7 pm to 9 pm, includes an Easter Bonnet parade with prizes for 1-5 year olds, 6 - 8 years olds and 9 and over.

Grown-up disco from 9 pm till midnight.



Sunday 4th April - Easter Egg Hunt, from 3 pm in the Conservatory Bar

Friday 9th April - Open mic jamming session. Calling all musicians, an opportunity to join in with other musicians from the village in a one off jamming session. From 8 pm till close.

Saturday 17 April - Membership Draw Night
Friday 23rd April - *Get Back*, another chance to see this excellent band, back by popular demand.

Looking Ahead...

Dates in May

Saturday 1st of May - Membership Draw Night
Saturday 15th of May - Membership Draw Night
Saturday 29th of May - Membership Draw Night

Visit our website for the latest news, ww.bhssc.org.uk

Not a Member?

New members are always welcome, first year membership is £8. Pop in to have a look around and a drink. Please ask the doorman or bar staff for a membership form. See our website for opening times. The Club also has a **junior membership** for 16 and 17 years olds. This is a one off payment of £5 and is valid until full membership can be obtained at 18.

Andrew Wilkin
01954 781881 (BHSSC)

BAR HILL COLTS F.C

Yesterday many of us from Bar Hill travelled to the temporarily reprieved Cambridge City ground for the Girls U14 Tesco Cup Final and we spent a sunny spring morning watching a great game of football. The girls in the Spitfires have really come along in leaps and bounds in the past few seasons. Well done for all that you have achieved in that time. Thanks also to the many people that took the time and effort to pop along and support the girls.

SPITFIRES IN CUP FINAL!

Following last week's semi-final win on penalties, the Spitfires took a large crowd to the final at Cambridge City where they played the hosts, who are undefeated for two years. The girls started strongly with our midfield players – **Sarah Boylan**, **Jeanette MacDonald**, **Katie Page** and **Amy Hancock** – working hard and being strong in the tackle. Our defence of **Ellie Hart**, **Chelsea Wills**, **Emma Dyson** and **Helena Davis** restricted our opponents to very few chances which, semi-final hero, **Grace Plumb** dealt with comfortably in goal. Many opportunities were created for the forwards, **Nicole Brown** made a particularly good run from midfield before she was fouled just outside the penalty area. **Hayley Stevens** took the resulting free kick, but the City keeper made a good save to prevent us scoring. However, against the run of play, City opened the scoring just before half time. At the start to the second half City extended their lead. However, the 'never say die' attitude of our team, and with fresh legs from the substitutes **Paige Dixon** and **Gemma Barham** a chance was created which **Issy Bennett** fired just wide. Eventually, the crowd were brought to their feet by a solo run and fine finish from **Nicole Brown**. Game on, and at that stage it could have gone either way although City managed to secure the win just before the final whistle. Vicky Neal chose the players of the match, which she awarded to **Ellie Hart** and **Hayley Stevens**.

Linda and Mark would like to thank all the spectators that supported the girls and cheered them on. This was a great experience for the team and they all put in 100%. The girls deserved this opportunity and were a credit to Bar Hill Colts FC and themselves.

MATCH RESULTS

20th/21st February

U8 BH Bullets 4 – 3 Coton
U9 BH Ravens 3 – 3 Caldecote
U11 BH Bombers 11 – 0 Shelford
U14 Histon 3 – 3 BH Rangers

27th February

U7 BH Foxes 2 – 6 Willingham (Friendly)
U9 Willingham 5 – 0 BH Ravens
U11G POSH 8 – 0 BH All-Stars

6th/7th March

U8 BH Bullets 4 – 4 Gamlingay
U9 BH Ravens 0 – 5 Comberton
U10 Cambourne 1 – 1 BH Eagles
U11 Steeple Bumpstead 1 – 3 BH Bombers
U11G BH All-Stars 0 – 13 Bassingbourn
U14G BH Spitfires 0 – 0 Balsham
Bar Hill won 3 -1 on penalties
(Tesco Cup Semi-Final)
U12 Haverhill 3 – 1 Bar Hill
U13 Priory Parkside 9 – 0 BH Raiders
U14 Warboys 4 – 3 BH Rangers

13th/14th March

U7 BH Foxes 5 – 8 Swavesey (Friendly)
U9 Caldecote 2 – 2 BH Ravens
U10 BH Eagles 5 – 0 Coton
U11 BH Bombers 4 – 1 Sutton
U14G Cambridge City 3 – 1 BH Spitfires (Tesco Cup Final)
U12 Saffron Walden 4 – 4 Bar Hill
U13 BH Raiders 0 – 8 Histon
U14 Bottisham 1 – 2 BH Rangers
U17 BH Jets 1 - 5 Hemingford

STRONG DISPLAY FROM U14's

When the game eventually got under way Bar Hill Under 14's rose to the challenge and gave Godmanchester "one of their hardest matches this season" (to quote their manager). Tight man marking from **Matt Childs** closed down their best striker while **Dan Paine**, **Dan Virgo** and **Jonny Clarke-Hassel** made the most of some quick breaks to worry the Goddy defence. Bar Hill's defence was absolutely solid and we went into half time just 1-0 down. The second half saw a change of tactics with us taking the game to them with some smart passing from **Ellis Lenton** and **Ryan Patton**. **Ashley Skelton** made the most of several corners but despite Godmanchester going 2-0 up heads were still up. Maximum effort to the very last second saw a consolation goal from **Tom Clarke** and left everyone feeling that another few minutes would have brought a different result. A fantastic team effort showed just how far the Under 14's have come in the past couple of seasons. Man of the Match; **Jonny Clarke-Hassel**

CHARTER STANDARD CLUB

The FA Charter Standard Club Programme was established in February 2001 to provide recognition that clubs are well run, sustainable, with child protection and safety paramount. It also recognises the club's commitment to coaching, player and coach development and the raising of standards of behaviour in the game. The Football Development Strategy 2001-2006 highlighted the importance of club development and of the need to develop a more effective Club structure. It stated that 'The Football Association must support clubs who have the potential to develop a number of teams, providing 'football for all' and 'football for life'.

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- FA Charter Standard Development Club (Youth, Youth and Adult)
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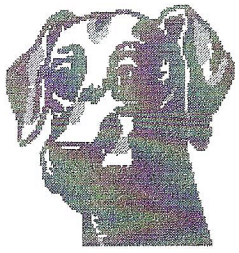

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Yours sincerely

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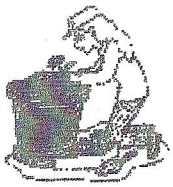

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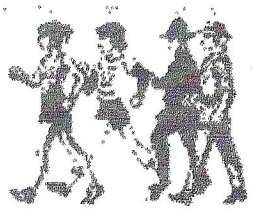

The start and finish point of the walk is at Milton Country Park, where you can choose a 3-mile, 8, 12, 16, 22, or 26-mile marathon route for the really energetic. The 3 mile route is within the Park and is suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs. Start times depend on the walks. Earliest start time is 8am for the longer walks. If someone wants to do the 3-mile walk latest start time is 12 pm.There really is something for all the family! All the walks are well signed with marshals, and there are convenient checkpoints on each walk offering refreshments and toilets for a well-earned break. If you enter as a team (which can be a family team) of 5–10 people of any age, you'll have the chance to win the Oxfam Team Trophy, if you raise the most sponsorship. A free return bus is available from the centre of Cambridge to the start of the walk, courtesy of Stagecoach.

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REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS ROGER HALL AND BUNTY WATERS

RECYCLING BINS - NO MICROCHIPS

South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) has confirmed its commitment to steer clear of microchips in its bins. After national reports that an increasing number of councils are installing microchips in rubbish bins, SCDC is making it clear that none of its bins is fitted with microchips and there are no plans to install them in the future.

South Cambs has listened to residents who have said that they want to recycle more and the new blue bin collection system will be introduced in October. This will help residents to recycle a greater range of materials, including plastic pots, tubs and trays and cartons such as Tetra Paks.

Don't miss out on the chance to vote!

Electors in South Cambridgeshire are being encouraged to make sure they are registered to vote ahead of local elections on 6 May and a general election due shortly.

People can only vote in an election if they are on the register of electors. The last opportunity to do this ahead of the 6 May elections is 20 April. Anyone wanting to register needs to complete a 'register to vote' form available at www.scambs.gov.uk/register or by calling the elections team on 03450 455 214.

Electors are also encouraged to register for a postal vote or proxy vote if necessary. These allow people who are unable to get along to a polling station on the day to vote, either in advance through the post, or by getting someone to vote on their behalf. The relevant form to request a postal vote is available at www.scambs.gov.uk/postal and must be completed and returned by 5 pm on 20 April. A proxy vote form is online at www.scambs.gov.uk/proxy and must be completed and returned by 5 pm on 27 April. All forms require a signature so must be completed in hard copy and returned to the elections team at South Cambridgeshire District Council.

RESIDENTS INFLUENCING POLICIES & DECISION IN SOUTH CAMBS

South Cambridgeshire residents who are concerned about a local service or want to influence policies and decisions that affect them are asked to get in touch with South Cambridgeshire District Council.

SCDC's scrutiny and overview committee acts as a watchdog for local services and it is about to plan its work for the coming 12 months. Members of the committee would like local residents to suggest suitable topics to investigate in 2010/11.

For further information or any help with issues affecting you please contact me on:

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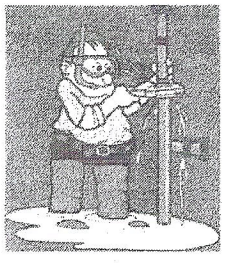

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6 May – clothes party
3 June – garden party
1 July – Christopher and Janet South

New members are always welcome. If you would like to join us or come for a visit please come along to one of our meetings where we would be very pleased to see you. If you prefer to have a chat about the Club please telephone Barbara (204171) or Adela (204265)

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Kirsten Cox – see below	202228
(Mon,Tues,Thurs from April 0-5yrs – 8am-6pm)	
Melanie	204496
Kirsten Goodfield	200228

COFFEE AND KIDS

Coffee and Kids is run by Bar Hill Childminders for parents, carers and childminders of babies and pre school children. It is a very informal session held in the Octagon on Thursday mornings (term time only) from 9.45 am to 11.15 am. The price of £2 per family/childminder includes hot drinks for the adults and soft drinks and healthy snacks for the children. We have a large range of indoor and outdoor toys and a safe soft play area for babies. Call Debbie on 201739 for more details.

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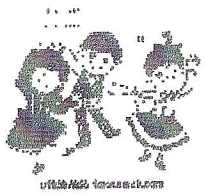

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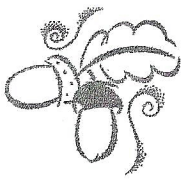

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Little Acorns is situated in the SPARC building next door to the primary school. We are open every day, both morning and afternoon. A lunch club session is also available each day. Our opening times are 9-11.30 am and 12.30- 3 pm. Children may attend from their second birthdays.

We provide a variety of learning experiences, both indoor and out. Children are encouraged to be creative, and to explore and investigate the things in their world. All of our staff hold a childcare qualification and are trained in first aid and child protection.

We offer a 'places for all' policy. Every year we offer free or subsidised places to a number of families. If you feel that you would like to speak to us about this, we would love to hear from you. Please phone Sally on 201074 or drop in anytime. If you would like to book sessions please ring Gail on 203229 or on our pre-school number 07851803083.

We will be holding regular open days at the start of each term for our new starters (who will receive an invitation nearer the time). If you are interested in coming to look around too, please phone us to book your place, or if you would like us to send you some information and a registration form. Alternatively you may prefer to e-mail us at s.gedny@ntlworld.com

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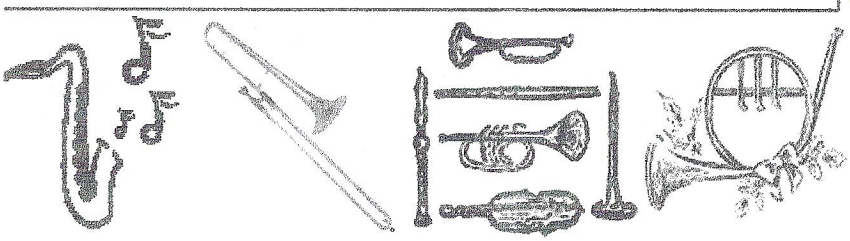
1st **April** Hat debate Venue: Heather's

15th **April** Planning Meeting Venue: Bobby's

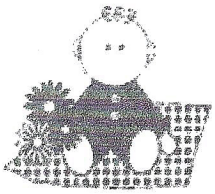
29th **April** Research a female Gardener Venue: Karen's

The Bar Hill group meets informally on alternate Thursday evenings and we pay just £1.00 per meeting to cover costs. All women are welcome.

If you would like more information, or someone to accompany you to a meeting please do not hesitate to call Marie-Therese Last on 780329 or Kaye Fuller on 782403. NWR can also be found on www.nwr.org.uk,: why not have a look!



Under 1's



Come along to our under 1's group for chat, meet other parents and refreshments.

Starting Tuesday the 8th September 2009 - term time only. In the Octagon building at 9.30 –11.30 am. Charge is: £1.00

If you would like to know more, please contact Ruth 01954 201890 and Vanessa 01954 781140. If you would like to come and feel that you would like to meet with someone before hand, please call one of us as above.

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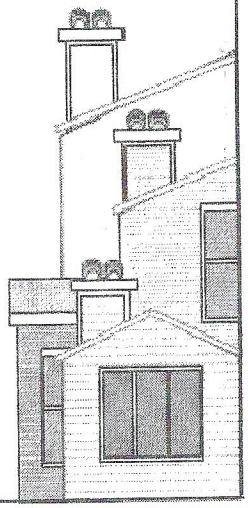

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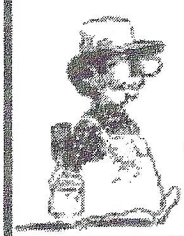

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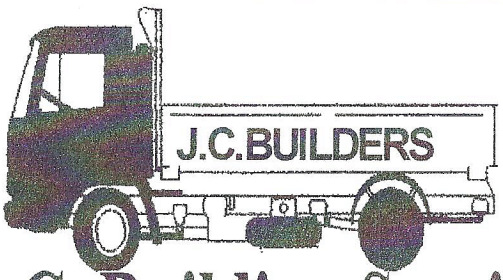

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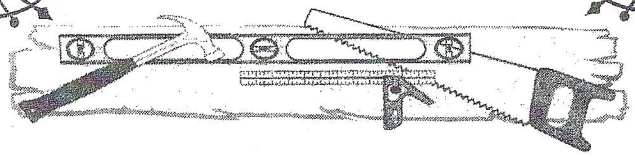

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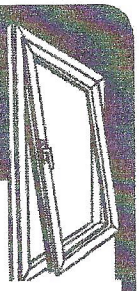

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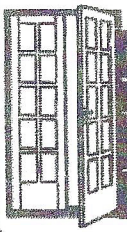

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Longstanton Bowls Club

Longstanton Bowls Club is recruiting new members. Do you fancy some gentle exercise on a summer's evening? We have many members from surrounding villages, including Bar Hill . Don't worry about equipment, as the club can assist with this. Our bowls green is located on the recreation ground, between the Longstanton social club and the tennis courts, Over Road, Longstanton.

Monday evenings are club roll-up nights, reserved for informal practice ideal for beginners. We also have a certified coach who runs regular coaching sessions for newer players. The outdoor season runs from late April to September. If you're tempted, please come along to our open day on 24th April 2010 (from 2 pm) or alternatively, on any Monday evening (from 6 pm) to meet some of the members and possibly try your hand. If you just want to watch, then that's fine too.

For more information visit contact Marion Edwards on 01954 780118 or email to marionedwards1@btinternet.com also visit our web site www.longstanton-bowls-club.co.uk .

A NEW GROUP

"Able to be Independent" is a new group which has started up. The group is for people with disabilities, adult and young carers, people wanting support and guidance. The group meets in Orchard Park Community Centre, Cambridge on the first Wednesday of the month at 10 am for tea and a chat.

The "Able to be Independent" group are holding a sponsored walk at 11am Sunday 18th April 2010 in Milton Park, the group are looking for support and sponsorship to enable them to print some Tshirts and raise awareness of those who live with disabilities. If you would like to join the group or give some sponsorship then please contact Tracey Kirk on 07949512918 or email tracey-kirk@sky.com, or Carly Meagher on 07789178520 or email carlym@bpha.org.uk

You do not need to live on Orchard Park to attend, the two mentioned ladies above are very welcoming and hope to arrange social nights and outings in the future.

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Parish Council Web Site – www.barhillpc.org.uk.
This will keep you up to date on current affairs in the village including meeting minutes and agenda.

For all you regular walkers out there
The County Council has produced a Countryside Access Map entitled "Walks and Rides around the Northstowe Hundred". A very interesting history of the local countryside and lots of pleasant walks and bike rides for you enthusiasts. If you would like a map please call in to the office as I have been given a substantial supply.

Litter Picking Day
Don't forget the 10th April, Litter Picking Day. Hope to see you all outside my office at 10am.

Dog Fouling
Once again, I have had many residents complaining that dog owners are not clearing up after their dogs. Please do the right thing, clear up after your dog, then the village can be enjoyed by everybody.

Lost and Found
Once again, I have various sets of keys that have been handed in and also a MP3 Player that was found close to Acorn Avenue and Foxhollow. Please visit the office if you think any of these items may belong to you.

Parish Council Meetings
The next monthly Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 15th April at 7 pm in the Parish Council Office and all members of the public are welcome to attend. Also our **Annual Parish Meeting will be held a week later on Thursday 22nd April starting at 7.30 pm in the main Church.**

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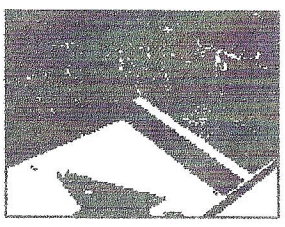

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Tues	Shotokan Karate	5.45-8.00 pm
Wed	Honey's School of Performing Arts (NEW)	3.45 –6.45 pm
Wed	Aerobics	6.45-9.00 pm
RC Fitness class (NEW)		8 – 9.30 pm
Thurs	Children's Martial Arts	4.00-5.00 pm
Thurs	Weightwatchers	7.00-8.00 pm
Fri	Noah's Ark (multi-birth club)	10 am-12 noon
Fri	Martial Arts	5-9.00 pm
Sun	Martial Arts	10 am-12 noon
Sun	Bingo	7.30-9.30pm

WHAT'S ON IN APRIL?

1st	Cheese and wine tasting - Sports/Social Club
1st	Coffee Morning - Library
3rd	Membership Draw - Sports/Social Club
3rd	Easter Discos - Village Hall
4th	Easter Egg Hunt - Sports/Social Club
4th	Changes to bus timetables
8th	Archaeology under the Grand Arcade - Library
9th	Mic jamming - Sports/Social Club
10th	Community Market - Octagon
10th	Litter Picking Day
11th	Family Fun - Church
12th	Residents' Association Meeting
16th	Closing date for Swavesey Photographic Competition
17th	Membership Draw - Sports/Social Club
18th	Cricket Club has first match
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23rd	"Get Back" - entertainment - Sports/Social Club
24th	Longstanton Bowls Club - Open Day

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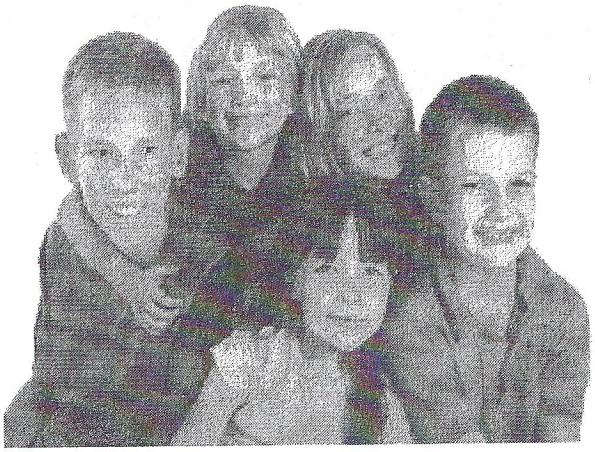

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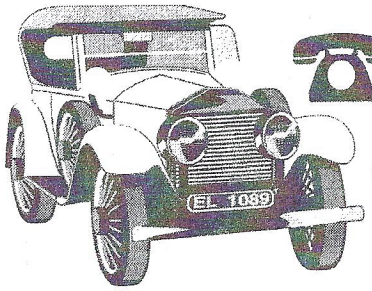

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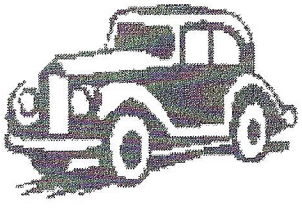

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CRICKET CLUB

Well, we've tidied up the container, started preparing the pitch and honed our skills in the nets, and it's nearly ready for show time!

The first match of the season is on April 18 away to Huntingdon, with the first home match against Girton on April 24.

The league begins on May 1, when the firsts will be at home to Granta II and the seconds away to Milton III.

The thirds make their re-appearance on May 8 away to Cottenham III.

We also have a programme of Sunday friendlies, including a **Twenty20 tournament** provisionally set for May 23 and the **Chairman's Challenge,** where we take on the Social Club, provisionally set for June 20.

The youth training nights are also due to begin towards the end of April – full details will be on our website as soon as they are finalised.

We will be running an under-13 team this summer, although all ages will be welcome at training. If you are interested in joining, please contact me on the number below.

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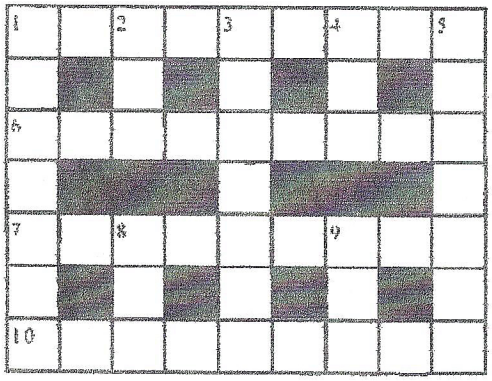
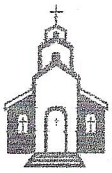


Clues for April

Across: 1. unwavering, 6. no rise, 7. winterwear, 10. outpourings.

Down: 1. assume, 2. a small city, 3. controls, 4. mature, 5. Rapunzel's assets, 8. small super-natural humanoid, 9. fuss.

Bar Hill Ecumenical Church - Services for April 2010



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	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sun 11th	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Quaker Meeting
	6.30 pm	Evening Worship
Sun 18th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
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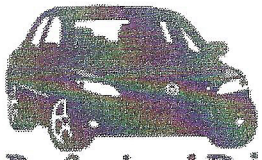

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Bar Hill Pre-School

NOW REGISTERED FOR FULL DAY CARE

We have two settings located at the Village Hall Centre and the Church centre. Our purpose built Pre-School attached to the Village Hall has bright and airy rooms and a large fully enclosed garden. At the Church centre we are situated in the meetings room with a secure enclosed garden. Both settings provide a safe, secure and stimulating learning environment for children aged 2 - 5 years.

The aim of Bar Hill Pre-School is to provide high quality care and education by focusing on each individual child's ability, encouraging their development through the Early Years Foundation Stage. Our main emphasis is learning through play and the Every Child Matters. Your child will be able to explore a variety of activities in an educational setting required by OFSTED. Our Key Person and Key Person Buddy system enables our Early Years team to meet the needs of each individual child through planning their own individual educational plan and next steps.

Session Times

Village Hall

Monday	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00
Tuesday	Play tots	12.30 - 3.00 (rising five's)
Wednesday	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00
Thursday	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00
Friday	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00

Church Centre

Monday	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00
Tuesday	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00
Wednesday	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00
Thursday	9.00 - 11.30	
Friday	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 – 3.00 (rising five's)

We offer a lunch club daily 11.30 - 12.30 at both settings

Early Years Funding

We can offer your child 5 free sessions when your child is eligible, currently the term after their 3rd birthday.

Subsidised places

We offer reduced session rates for parents/carers on Income Support/Working tax credit. We also accept child care vouchers from the Busy Bee scheme.

Play Tots Session

9.15 - 10.45 Tuesday—Village Hall Setting

This is for children up to 5 years old including babies. We have lots of fun and a large selection of indoor/outdoor activities including our soft play den and toys especially for the tots. Sessions are held on a pay as you play basis. Drinks and healthy snacks are provided.

Rising 5's Sessions

These sessions are for children in their final year at Pre-School. This is a more structured session preparing children for school entry.

For more information please contact the Pre-School direct on (01954) 782892 for the Village Hall setting or 07932482965 for the Church Centre setting during session times or feel free to pop in and see us at both settings. Alternatively contact Sarah our session allocation Co-ordinator on (01954) 781871 before 7 pm weekdays.

Registered Charity No 1030725

Parent and Toddler Group

Bar Hill parent and toddler group is a welcoming and friendly charity group run by a committee of parents to provide play and socialising for children (and parents) from 0-4 years of age. The sessions run Wednesdays and Fridays from 9.45 to 11.15 am during term time and are held in the Octagon. Both sessions provide a wide range of activities which include arts and crafts, puzzles, dressing up, role play and a wide range of outdoor toys (weather permitting).

The cost of each session is £1.90 for the first child and £1.00 per sibling up to a maximum of £3.00 per family or childminder. Under ones are free if accompanied by an older child. This fee includes refreshments for both parent/carer and children.

For any more info' please call Hanna on 200232 or Lisa on 201902.

IDEAS ON PROJECTS FOR THE VILLAGE

Thank you to all those residents who contacted the Parish Council with ideas for spending the £9,000 available for village projects. The project which was suggested by most residents was for more footpaths around the ring road. I regret that cost prohibits us from providing these at the moment: eight years ago an estimate for the work was £150,000. Where there is no kerb (and the area is muddy) to lay a footpath would be very expensive because drainage for the "run-off" of water would have to be provided. However, the Council will explore whether grants are available for such a project.

Other suggestions were for more trees, and bulbs/ flowers around the village and on the roundabout. One resident suggested a one-man gritting machine so that at the very least the spine paths could be gritted in icy weather. The Parish Council will make a decision about the £9,000 at its April meeting and I will publish details in June's Bar Hill News.

Thank you once again to all those residents who showed an interest in enhancing the village and its facilities.

Margaret Sellars
Chairman Parish Council

Dazzling New Decade at Bar Hill School!

Since the beginning of term, the children have undertaken all kinds of exciting activities.

The children had a wonderful time finding out about snow! They played in it, wrote poems about it, measured how cold it is, timed how long it took to melt and wrote diary entries for future generations to read. (If anyone wrote a diary entry about the snow which fell in 1981 or 1963, do send us a copy. We would be very interested to read about it!) We spoke about the occurrence in Esperanto! *Hodiaŭ neĝas! Neĝo estas malvarma. Mi ŝatas neĝon.*

This term's Special Topic is science, and the children have been carrying out lots of investigations. The Uppers have been watching what happens to food as it decomposes and Middles children have been finding out what material would be best for an artificial lily-pad!

Lisa Taylor, from *Anglian Water*, and some Middles children found out about the power of water currents. Jo Montgomery and scientists from *NAPP Pharmaceuticals* led workshops about making medicines. The older children watched a thought provoking film produced by *eDF Energy* promoting safety with respect to electrical currents.

The author Jack Trelawny came into school to talk to the children about writing books. He read extracts from one of his books and showed a film about the places that had influenced his choice of settings for his series of books about *Kernowland*.

The author David Weisner has also been a great success with the children. Years 3, 4 and 5 have been studying his almost wordless book – *Tuesday* and have enjoyed writing the words which could replace the pictures in the story - in English - and Esperanto! *Multaj verdaj bufoj flugas sur akvolilioj.*

And finally, many thanks to all the local businesses and individuals who contributed goods or services to our recent Auction of Promises. We raised £2239 for the school and we are very grateful for your help.

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Report from County Councillor John Reynolds

Councillors want to adopt the Busway as an asset not a liability

Cambridgeshire County Council have echoed comments made by the Transport Minister, calling for a quick resolution to the contract issues over the scheme. Whilst the Council is pleased that BAM Nuttall finished construction of the guideway itself last year which has allowed these trial bus runs, it is also clear that before regular services can start, a number of outstanding problems must be resolved. The Council is calling on BAM Nuttall to come to the table and reach agreement quickly. The County Council have set out six particular defects that must be resolved before full bus services can start. If they are not resolved now, there is a strong chance that the guideway will have to be shut in the future to deal with them and that will be at the taxpayers' expense.

Council to carry on fight for transport improvements.

County Council will carry on fighting for vital funds to improve transport and they will not impose congestion charging on Cambridge. Government had previously required that authorities include congestion charging to unlock hundreds of millions of pounds of transport investment. Cambridgeshire had argued in its bid that this would only be introduced after all other suggestions had failed and congestion had reached a point that it was unacceptable to the majority of residents and businesses in the County. In any bid to Government councillors will not impose a congestion charge. Councillors have also pledged to carry on fighting for the creation of a much needed rail station at Chesterton and will put this at the heart of any new bid.

On the road to repairs in Cambridgeshire

County Council workmen are out in force across Cambridgeshire repairing unprecedented levels of damage caused to the roads by the extended period of winter weather. Since the beginning of 2010, patching crews have repaired over 3,000 pot holes and the county council will keep up the pressure to repair the roads as quickly as possible Potholes can be reported online at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk or via the council's telephone contact centre, 8 am to 8 pm, six days a week Monday to Saturday, on 0345 045 5212.

How to recycle your used batteries.

One little known fact is that residents can deposit used household batteries in boxes on the County's **mobile libraries.**

John Reynolds

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